

The Palatka News

City Happenings and Personal Mention.

The county ferry is doing a good business this month.

Misses Blanche and Edna Crill returned from Jacksonville Tuesday.

Miss Maude Kennerly is at Seabreeze, the guest at a house party given by Miss Anderson of Ocala.

Mrs. Tromley and the children left Tuesday for a visit to relative in the north.

Mrs. W. O. Holmes and Mrs. W. H. Hoyt visited Gainesville this week.

W. M. Williams and L. J. McLeod of Welaka were business visitors to the city Wednesday.

Watermelons, cantaloupes and peaches are very plentiful in the local market, and are cheap.

Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Warren are rejoicing over the birth of a son last Sunday morning, the 23d inst.

Miss Ella Buky returned Wednesday from a pleasant visit of a week with Mrs. R. H. Browning at Francis.

Revival meetings are being held at the Baptist church, the preaching being by Rev. Mr. Cullom of Waldo.

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Durran, popular people of Grandin, were at the Saratoga Hotel over Wednesday.

Mrs. D. A. Daughtry of Espanola was a visitor in the city Monday and Tuesday, a guest at the Saratoga Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wright of Norwalk are rejoicing over the arrival of a little daughter in their home last week.

Miss Margaret Bard of Norwalk was a visitor in the city Tuesday, leaving Wednesday for a short visit to St. Augustine.

Mrs. Patton Anderson requests Patton Anderson, U. D. C. to meet at her home Friday afternoon, July 5th, at 4 o'clock.

There have been several showers and one good, substantial rainfall this week, something very much needed all over the county.

The Boston millinery store, closed its doors last week and Mrs. Morrison, the proprietress, has gone north. The stock of goods remaining unsold was shipped away.

Messlames D. E. Dusenberry and W. L. Gable and Miss Haight of Lake Como were visitors in the city over Wednesday and Thursday, guests at the Saratoga Hotel.

The Palatka Board of Trade will hold its regular bi-monthly meeting next Monday night, when will be held a continuance of the discussion over street paving matters.

D. P. Hancock of Bostwick was in the city this week. He states that the petition for a wet or dry election is being generally signed at his precinct. Mr. Hancock is now engaged in the mercantile business.

Judge M. I. Cox states that some 15 or more old veterans of the Confederacy residing in this county have already made application for pensions under the new pension law enacted by the last legislature.

The Feanridge Clothing Co. of this city reports that its cash sales so far this month are a little over \$1,200 more than for the corresponding month last year. This speaks volumes for the popularity of this well-known clothing house.

The Home Mission Society will give a festival in the hammock on River street, July 4th, from 4 to 10 p. m. Ice cream and cake will be sold. This is a most deserving cause and should be patronized liberally.

The Feanridge Clothing Co.'s new store at St. Augustine is nearly ready for occupancy. Mr. Feanridge has spent much of his time in that city the past few weeks looking after the arrangements for the coming opening of his business there.

Aurelian Cane, a former well-known Palatka boy now employed with the Armour company as a constructing superintendent, was shaking hands with friends in the city Wednesday. Mr. Cane was enroute to Tampa, where he goes to superintend the construction of additional buildings for his company.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Hamlin and little daughter left Tuesday for Illinois, their departure being hurriedly and unexpectedly made at this time owing to the receipt of a telegram by Mr. Hamlin announcing the serious illness of his mother, who had the misfortune to break her hip bone by a fall some time ago.

Mrs. D. S. Tingley is having some repairs made on her home. It is now Mrs. Tingley's intention to meet her son, Claude, in Chicago in August, and return with him to Oregon, and will be away from San Mateo at least two years. During this time her house will be for rent—San Mateo item.

The festival and dance given at Wyles school house on Tuesday night for the benefit of the Episcopal mission, was well attended by young people of this city and the country in the immediate neighborhood of the school. From the sale of refreshments and dancing, quite a large sum was realized.

The old market building occupied by Tom Holden and for which a contract was let for its moving to a lot further up the street, seems to have become stalled at the corner of Fifth and Lemon streets. The contract was let to a colored man who has gone broke on the job. Of course as the contractor is broke Mr. Holden will be compelled to stand the loss.

Among the prominent Floridians visiting this city Monday was Stewart Worden of Palatka, who is connected with the Golden Cypress Lumber company, one of the largest saw, door and blind factories in the south. Mr. Worden came on important business, but had time to look about the city. He expressed himself as being very much surprised and delighted at the rapid advancement and the general modern appearance of the city, paying special compliment to our handsome and modern buildings and our beautiful granolithic sidewalks, the latter now being duplicated in his city. "Gainesville is all to the good," he said, "in connection with his remarks upon the city's prosperity. Mr. Worden is a hard-roads advocate, and is very enthusiastic. He is glad the people of Palatka and Putnam county have at last got the fever, which he hopes will be contagious among the people of his section.—Gainesville Sun.

A great many Palatka people are availing themselves of the delightful ride to Jacksonville and return on the steamer Crescent. The trip costs but a dollar each way, and affords a cooling and altogether pleasant outing for ladies and children. The steamer leaves Adams' dock at 10 a. m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, returning by 3 p. m. following days.

Report comes from Francis of many cases of petty thieving which have created resentment on the part of citizens. It is reported that one night last week some young white boys entered the premises of Mrs. Dr. Miller and stole a half dozen of her fancy stock fossils which she prized highly on account of breed. The citizens feel that these young men must be lost to all sense of shame when they steal from a widow who is doing so much good in the place as Mrs. Miller and one who is battling against so many misfortunes. Some day the people will get mad at this sort of thing and then there will be trouble for the boys.

'Had a Good Time'

Not every man who has passed his 82d birthday is a young person. Judge J. C. Vertrees of this city is, and has.

Late in May Judge Vertrees went to his old home in Kentucky, where he had a grand visit with his only sister, a lady of EIGHTY FOUR years.

"She is as jolly as a school girl," said the judge, "and you can hear her merry laugh a block away. We are the last of 10 children and we did have a good visit."

"Then," continued the judge, "I went over to Brownsville, Ky., where I was born and where my father had a farm. I had been there in over 40 years and I found just one man in the town who had ever known or heard of me. We met by accident. We had been old schoolmates and when he found out who I was he wanted to hug me. In our visit we had a party and banquet to celebrate the event. There were eight of us in the party, and each and all of them had been visitors to our Summer Haven beach home. Say, we had a large party and a large time, with a large cold bottle and a small hot bird, and other things to eat and with which to 'liquorate.'"

Judge Vertrees arrived home late last week. He had been absent more than a month, visited hard all the time he was gone and enjoyed every minute of every hour of every day of every week he was absent.

You can't blot out the pleasure of living in a man full of years when he has the physical and mental ability to hold up his end.

And Judge Vertrees has these and his Palatka friends hope he may hold to 'em for years to come.

New Law Partnership.

Harold E. Merryday and Judge V. Walton two prominent young attorneys of this city who have "been going it alone" united this week in a partnership for the practice of their profession under the firm title of Merryday & Walton. Their offices are in the Law Exchange building, on the New office.

Mr. Merryday was graduated three years ago from the law department of John B. Stetson University, Deland. He has since practiced in this city with a steady success. He has successfully carried through the cases several important cases.

Judge V. Walton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John N. Walton of this city and a grandson of Judge Vertrees, for whom he was named. Like Mr. Merryday, he is a graduate of the Putnam High school. He studied law in Washington & Lee University from which institution he was graduated two years ago. Since then he has continued his studies, together with his practice in the law office of Hon. S. J. Hilburn, from whom no better tutor could be found.

These young men will constitute a strong team of legal minds. They are associated for all kinds of practice, but will make a specialty of law cases and transfers.

The News predicts success to the new firm of lawyers.

Returns From Cuba.

Ed. Newsom, a former prominent orange grower of the county and a pioneer resident of Crescent City arrived in Palatka Wednesday morning from Cuba where he has resided for the past eight or nine years.

During his short stay in the city Mr. Newsom called on many of his old friends. He thinks of returning to Florida permanently and may again decide to settle in Crescent City.

He is the eldest son of the late Dr. L. L. Newsom who formerly represented Putnam county in the state legislature.

White Spring Excursions. The G. S. & F. Railway commenced last Sunday to sell round trip tickets, limited to day of sale, Palatka to White Springs and return for \$1.50. The train leaves Palatka at 5:35 a. m., arrives at White Springs at 8:54 a. m., and returning, leaves White Springs at 6:32 p. m., giving excursionists the entire day at the springs.

Want Davis For Governor. The Tampa correspondent of the Times-Union is authority for the following: "There is a very generally expressed desire from prominent citizens of Tampa for the placing of Gen. Robert W. Davis in the field for the governorship of the state, notwithstanding his positively expressed wish to be allowed to keep out of politics, and devote himself to his law practice. Many express a determination to urge him to reconsider his repeated declaration of his declination to again enter the race. There is an insistent demand that he become a candidate for the governorship."

Work Begun on New Depot. Work on the new Atlantic Coast Line depot in this city was commenced early this week and a force of 25 men are now engaged in preparing for the foundations. The work is to be pushed vigorously to an early completion.

The new depot will be one of the finest structures in the state and the contract cost, exclusive of the sheds, will be \$22,000.

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We wish to thank the people of Palatka and surrounding towns and country for their past liberal patronage and to call special attention to our BIG MID-SUMMER SALE and want to assure you that this is no "fake" sale. Those of you that have attended our "Special Saturday and Monday" sales will bear us out that we do just as we advertise and give the values in every case as we claim. This account for the confidence and substantial trade we are now enjoying and we cannot afford, neither would we do anything to lose that confidence.

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Our opening in March was nearly two months later than it should have been for a full spring trade, and all manufacturers being so far behind in filling orders and many goods that we should have had on our opening day have just recently arrived. For these reasons we must convert these goods into ready cash while they are yet in good season, and that accounts for the many rare bargains we are now offering.

Thanking you one and all for your past liberal patronage and soliciting your continuance as well as all new ones that will come, we are,

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"T. H. K." and "Booze."

In the sheet recently sent out in the interest of the "Wet," one local writer is bold enough to sign his article "T. H. K." This is unusual. Ordinarily they sign "Citizen," "Taxpayer," etc. But what is "T. H. K."? If you had a list of voters of Palatka you might solve the conundrum, and you might discover the name of the man who so contracts himself as to put himself under three letters of the alphabet.

But "T. H. K." whoever that be, speaks of the "poor prisoner" and asks for him the benefit of the doubt. This man will never speak a truer word than when he speaks of the saloon keeper as a "poor prisoner."

Our desire is that the prisoner and his family be not free by being thrust out into other channels of business, honorable and respectable.

We would be pleased to see him and his recognized and received by the best of people in the best society. Such will not be true so long as he is a "prisoner of the law."

"T. H. K." seems much concerned about "blind tigers." He fears they may commit depredations on every hand and that it is impossible to check them. Let me remind the editor named gentleman, whoever he be, that it has been reported that he is in Palatka that at least some of the tigers had a checkered experience in Volusia, a dry county.

There is but little doubt but that the tiger will seek a more congenial clime than one where the prospects of scratching phosphate rock stare him in the face. If "T. H. K." is afraid the tiger will not be severely enough dealt with in this county, possibly he might assist in getting a change of venue in order to get the case before the honorable judge who presides in Deland.

Respectfully,
L. R. LYNN.

Water Main Tests Completed. City Engineer Lyon has about completed his tests of the new water mains and it is likely that before the week's end he will recommend that the bond trustees accept the work of the contractors.

Several times the mains have been subjected to the 150 pound pressure test, and it is thought that the pipes will now all stand that pressure. About seven pipes have given way to this or a less test, but all these have been replaced.

Mr. Lyon states that there will never be the necessity for such an unusual pressure. That it is made now simply to be able to know that the pipe will be no break under the ordinary pressure, which, even in case of fire will rarely go to more than 50 pounds.

The Fatal Fourth. Two or three years ago the editor clipped some figures from a newspaper showing the number of people injured that year in celebrating the Fourth of July. These figures are as follows:

Died of lockjaw caused by injuries..... 400
Died of other injuries..... 400
Totally blinded..... 10
Number who lost one eye..... 75
Arms and legs lost..... 54
Number who lost fingers..... 174
Number injured who recovered, 3,983

Total number of casualties in the United States..... 4,349

Next Thursday will be the Fourth of July and Palatka boys will be in it with the canon cracker and other devices for a noisy celebration of the day.

"Let us forget," these figures should be made prominent. It is as if a battle had been fought in this country on the Fourth which resulted in the above list of casualties.

Patriotism is one thing. A desire to make a noise is not necessarily an exhibition of patriotism. A disposition to indulge in license that is not permitted on other days is no prima facie evidence of respect for the flag. Nor is a slaughter of the innocents a proper accompaniment of the nation's natal day.

Therefore, parents who have boys that have a fondness for explosives, toy pistols and black cartridges, should study these statistics of the annual tragedy and do all they can to keep their own flesh and blood out of the holocaust.

And the city council would do well to enforce ordinances already passed. The Chinese method of our American celebration is entirely too costly.

Seems to be in the Air. Up in Valdosta, Ga., where the "wet" and "dry" forces have been having a vigorous campaign for several months, the question at issue was settled last Monday.

And it was SETTLED RIGHT. The total vote in the county was 1238 dry, and 487 wet. Every precinct in the county voted "dry."

Valdosta, where the principal fight was made, gave a dry majority of 549.

Prohibition sentiment is in the air. The people everywhere are aroused. They are tired of saloon domination. The saloons of Palatka will go in like manner, by overwhelming vote.

Will Announce for Governor.

The News is able to state on apparently reliable authority that Judge Isaac A. Stewart of the Deland criminal court will shortly announce his candidacy for the office of Governor of Florida.

News of Judge Stewart's intended candidacy reached Palatka some two weeks ago. It is known that he is being urged to make the race by a large number of the prominent citizens of Volusia county and that the pressure being brought to bear on him is not confined to any one of the factions that are fighting for supremacy in that county. It is understood that all are prepared to unite with Judge Stewart as a leader.

Coming from Jacksonville the other evening the proprietor of the News had the pleasure of the company of the Hon. James E. Alexander. Mr. Alexander said:

"Judge Stewart will probably be a candidate and he will sweep the state. He is a very popular man and would make an ideal governor. He has been making a quiet canvass and has convinced himself that his chances are most excellent. We want Judge Stewart to run on his full record. Seems funny, don't it. But do you remember that some years ago Congressman Hook of Tennessee got drunk while in Washington and was 'run in.' His enemies at home printed a cartoon of him looking through the bars of the jail. Hook took this as his cue in the next canvass. He had a calumny made with great wind, which he loaded on his wagon, and which he got inside of and drove over the district making speeches. His majority was increased from 2,000 to 20,000."

"Stewart has also had a short jail record. You will remember that an attorney for the Stetson he secured the celebrated Dr. Weightnovel letters. When called upon by the court in Tampa to tell how he obtained the letters, Stewart refused and was placed in jail for contempt. His friends and managers have gone all over this jail experience with him and we believe that if the case is properly placed before the people it will win him 20,000 votes. I tell you it is great. The people want something spectacular. They want a man who has done something, even if he did get in jail for it."

"Volusia county is solid for him—Perkins and Parkinson, Coddington and Prevatt, Morrison, Sams, and your humble servant, Jeems."

It is stated that the Volusia County Record of this week will contain Judge Stewart's formal announcement. He has many friends in Putnam county.

Will Celebrate at Grandin. The good people at Grandin are arranging for a grand basket picnic and celebration at that place next Thursday, the Fourth of July.

Judge E. Noble Calhoun of this city has been selected as orator of the day and has accepted. Judge Calhoun is a brilliant young orator and all who attend the picnic are promised an intellectual as well as a social treat. To say nothing of the good dinner which will be served by good people.

Quite a number from this city will attend, and the picnickers will come from all over west Putnam.

Watson's For July. Watson's Jeffersonian Magazine for July will contain several strong editorial articles from the pen of the editor, Hon. Thomas E. Watson. Holding a thoroughly independent position, Mr. Watson deals with the law-breaking corporations and the wrong doings of the rascals who trample upon the laws of the people, in a fashion and with a fearlessness that has no parallel in the history of the present. The editorials are illustrated with striking cartoons, that thought compelling cartoonist, Gordon Nye. Other contents are "The Blackness of Pennsylvania," by Scott Nearing, "Jim—a Reminiscence of Slave Times," by Frank E. Anderson, "A Survey of the World," the continuation of Mr. Watson's "Life and Times of Andrew Jackson," "The Influence of Negro Nurses Upon Southern Children," by a Southern Mother, "Not Our Fugate," by W. B. Sloan, "A Pitiful Tale of Actual Mill Life," a stirring article on the great Southern General and Statesman, Robert Toombs, by Thos. E. Watson, and numerous other articles and poems of interest and value to all members of the family. Watson's is rapidly forging to the front among the first-class periodicals of the country, and the July number will be found especially fine.

The Gainesville Elevator of this week says: "Two women have been at work on the streets this week in consequence of unpaid fines for disorderly conduct. This is as it should be, and it is every one of the continual offenders against the laws who given a working sentence instead of a light fine they would not be so prone to violate the law. This class of people hate to work and a week at street cleaning is much more severe than a ten dollar fine."

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